

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH  
SEEGER  
GIRARD  
SOKOL  
MCDEVITT  
BRAYMER  
LEGGETT

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER  
ROBERT SCHULZ, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: WOOD  
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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 29, 2016 meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/legislative/>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the agenda were distributed to the Committee members and a copy of same is on file with the minutes.

Ms. Seeber exited the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Strough advised Action Item No. 1 pertained to Schuyler County Legislature Resolution No. 283 of 2016 which called for Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to work with New York's Congressional Delegation to amend and improve the Family First Preservation Act of 2016 to ensure essential fiscal resources were maintained to support families in need. He indicated House of Representatives Bill No. 5456 was moving rapidly through Congress with no public hearings and little debate. He added it was the intention to help children at risk of neglect or abuse. *A copy of Resolution 283 of 2016 proposed by the Schuyler County Legislature is on file with the minutes.* A brief discussion ensued following which it was decided to table the item and refer same to the County Attorney and the Health, Human & Social Services Committee for an opinion before resuming discussion next month.

Next, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Schulz, Town of Queensbury Resident, who provided an impassioned presentation regarding a resolution he proposed declaring that it would be a conflict of interest for certain individuals regulated by the New York State Constitution to be delegates at the New York Constitutional Convention. A lengthy conservation ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to table the request, with further discussion and a presentation to be made by Mr. Schulz at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Sokol exited the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Continuing with the agenda review, Mr. Strough discussed the No Smoking Policy. Chairman Geraghty informed he had received a petition signed by seventy-eight employees opposing the No Smoking Policy for the Municipal Center Campus. A brief conservation ensued, following which a motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Leggett voting in opposition, to make a referral to the County Facilities Committee suggesting that the Smoking Policy be amended to expand it to all County-owned properties as well as to

designate a location where smoking would be allowed for employees only on a temporary basis which would conclude within one year.

Mr. Strough informed Referral/Pending Item No. 1 regarding Agricultural Districts, would remain on the agenda for next month. Returning to Discussion Item No. 3, pertaining to rules for executive session, Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, informed he was working on a draft summary of the rules and procedures used regularly by the Board of Supervisors, which he said he would distribute once completed. He stated according to Robert's Rules of Order, the most popular vote was a voice vote which the Chairman was responsible for counting, and he informed at any time during a meeting a Committee member could ask for a different vote and at that time a rising vote or a raise of hands would take place.

Finally, Mr. Strough advised Mr. Simpson provided a copy of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) entitled Access Adirondacks which was distributed to the Committee members for their review, in advance of the next Committee meeting where it would be discussed. *A copy of the Access Adirondacks is on file with the minutes.*

There being no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist